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REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-20 in the application, Claims 21-30 were added in subsequent amendments thereto and Claims 1-15 and 21-23 were previously cancelled. Additionally, Claims 16, 19, 20, 25 and 28 have been amended and Claims 31-38 have been added herein to the present application. Accordingly, Claims 16-20 and 24-38 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 16-20 and 24-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,320,449 to Capici, *et al.* ("Capici"). As the Examiner is no doubt aware, anticipation requires that each and every element of the claimed invention be disclosed in a single prior art reference; the disclosed elements must either be disclosed expressly or inherently and must be arranged as in the rejected claims.

As described by Capici, a driver for a P-channel MOS switch is formed with a plurality of current sources (*e.g.*, as illustrated in FIGURES 5 and 6) that are selectively controlled by a logic control circuit 5 (FIGURE 5) to provide a drive signal G within a control voltage limit. Capici,

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however, does not teach providing a drive signal for a switch (referenced to an input voltage) within a control voltage limit as a function of a signal with a driver having switching circuitry with a first pair of series-coupled driver switches of opposite polarity cross coupled with a second pair of series-coupled driver switches of opposite polarity and referenced to a voltage level different from the input voltage as recited in Claims 16 and 25 of the present application.

Thus, Capici does not disclose each and every element of Claim 16 and the claims dependent thereon, namely, Claims 17-20, 24 and new Claims 31-34. Additionally, Capici does not disclose each and every element of Claim 25 and the claims dependent thereon, namely, Claims 26-30 and new Claims 35-38. Accordingly, the Applicants believe that Capici is not an anticipating reference and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection in view thereof with respect to Claims 16-20 and 24-30 and including new Claims 31-38.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 16-20 and 24-38. Additionally, upon receiving a Notice of Allowance, the Applicants would appreciate that the Examiner renumber the claims to organize like claims in a series in successive order.

The Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 732-1001 if such would further expedite the prosecution of the present application. If a fee is due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,



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